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"It Is Nothing To Die; It is Frightful Not To Live."-----Victor Hugo

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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends:

"As the year comes to a close, it is a time for reflection—a time to release old thoughts and beliefs and forgive old hurts. Whatever has happened in the past year, the New Year brings fresh beginnings. Exciting new experiences and relationships wait. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past and the promise of the future." — Peggy Toney Horton

Reflecting on the past year, I am appreciative of the efforts of the many hard-working individuals who made our Educational Seminar a success. Many thanks go to our volunteers, supporters, and patrons. The presenters were a dedicated and knowledgeable group who addressed many concerns about the future of numismatics and collecting in general.

The future will be a time of opportunity for everyone. The Dow Jones average and financial markets have recently hit all-time highs. The recent rise in the U.S. dollar against the Euro and British Pound will make imports including foreign coins easier to acquire. The decline in gold and silver prices makes it possible for collectors and non-collectors to make acquisitions.

Everyone should plan on attending the 2017 NCNA Educational Seminar. The 2017 Seminar promises to be another highly informative event with an outstanding four presenters. The topic of *"Collecting in Today's World"* is relevant. I look forward to seeing you in Vallejo on September 16.

Your comments are always welcomed; my email is lchanfizx@aol.com.

Best Wishes To You and Yours In 2017!

Lloyd G. Chan

"President Doctor Chan"

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

As a year ends and as our world spins, we are all aware that life, that most precious of joys, does end. Recently, individuals have passed on, and as Michael M. 'Steamer' Stanley notes, passed on 'to the big coin club in the sky'. To my attention, two have come to mind, and they were devoted to our hobby: **Charles 'Chuck' White** and **Michael E. Niecoff**.

Over the past months, 'Chuck's' health had greatly restricted his attendance and presence at local coin club meetings and shows. Yet, when he and I had last cross-paths, his health, and certain pain, did not restrict that ready famous laugh and jovial self. 'Chuck' was there to enjoy our hobby.

'Mike's' attendance and presence changed when he and wife Kay decided to relocate in retirement much further away from the San Francisco Bay Area, where he had been a mainstay with the Alameda Coin Club and San Francisco Coin Club. Our contacts were limited to annual Holiday Greetings. Once, a few years ago, 'Mike' and I did cross-paths at a Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, and our conversations quickly progressed to reminisces and remembrances of those who had been 'part and parcel' of hobby.

'Chuck' certainly was more well-known, having over forty year's involvement. But, that longevity cannot diminish 'Mike's' one-time commitment.

My fondness memory for 'Mike' was when the Alameda Coin Club wanted to create a medal or was a wooden nickel. The Alameda Coin Club decided to use the city logo for the island Alameda, California. 'Mike' dutifully wrote a letter to Alameda's Mayor of the time. The Club did get the artwork; but, finances curtailed any endeavor. But, 'Mike's' letter got the artwork and permission.

My fondness memory for 'Chuck' is his famous '*Seven Centuries In Seven Minutes*' program. Talk about speed and coverage! As with his 'Chuck talks', it was packed with chuckles and laughs!

Memories are what have been left, and the challenge now passes onto us, those now and here.

As our hobby ages and for those reading this Mintmaster's Quill, we all become aware, very aware, that, in the end, our time here 'on this good earth' is fixed. Our time for our hobby---- '*the king of hobbies and hobby of kings*' ----is even more fixed.

Yet, while we breathe and live, those 'Chuck's' and 'Mike's' brighten our day, our lives, and our hobby, passing the torch of numismatics onto others.

Closing, two thousand years ago, the great ancient Roman Cicero remarked: "*The Life of the Dead Is Placed in the Memory of the Living.*"

RIP, 'Chuck' and 'Mike'

Rappelez-vous, amusez-vous avec vos Loisirs! Servez toujours les autres! Profitez de votre collection! Et, creer de l'espoir et de faire le bien! (*Practicing My Learning French!*)

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2017 Dues

You owe dues if you have not prepaid or are a Life Member; attached with this January 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the Dues Notice. Dues remain \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members, and you may remit several years in-advance, if you wish.

Mail your remittance, and any changes, directly to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'. Membership Cards have not been issued in the past few years.

Prompt payment is welcomed and appreciated. Your continued membership is a positive effort to enhance and to advance our hobby, 'this world of money', across and around northern California.

2016 Miller Medal

Our Association is proud to report that **Raymond R. 'Ray' Johnson**, of San Jose, California, was the 2016 honoree of the coveted '*Miller Medal*'. Outgoing **Fred G. van den Haak** bestowed this esteemed award this past December 10, 2016 during the Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, in Vallejo, California.

'**Ray**' has served most all positions and offices within the San Jose (California) Coin Club and continues as the Club's Bourse Coordinator. Quiet, 'behind-the-scenes', and dedicated worker, '**Ray**' has accumulated over five decades of service to and for organized numismatics.

Attending the Party were these past '*Miller Medal Recipients*': **Michael S. Turrini, Edgar D. Fulwider, Sydney M. Kass, Vincent O. Lacariere, James H. Laird, and Fred G. van den Haak**.

Nominations are now open for the 2016 '*Miller Award*' and are submitted directly to **President Lloyd G. Chan** at '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 944590-0410*'. Deadline is June 30, 2017.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' or at EMPERORI@juno.com. Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for '*Donnell Awards*', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a nominal donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as mailing and handling. *Note:* The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

Fourth Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
Saturday, September 16, 2017
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
734 Marin, at Capital in downtown Vallejo, California
Registration Opens: 9:00 AM
Theme: 'Collecting In Today's World'
FREE ADMISSION and Museum Open To All Attendees!
Door Prizes, Too!

The theme is an outgrowth of the discussions generated during prior three Seminars, and it is reflective of the concerns among several prominent numismatic leaders and advocates not just around northern California but also nationally.

To this end, NCNA is proud to announce the following confirmed presenters:

Paul R. Johnson, *Executive Secretary, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, from Unionville, Ontario, Canada*

Robert E. Luna, *from Benicia, California*

Roger Lyles, *from Fremont, California, and*

David C. Harper, *Editor and Publisher, NUMISMATIC NEWS, from Iola, Wisconsin*

Updates would be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com, and the May 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES shall have provide other specifics. Door Prizes and a simple on-site lunch service would be added to the all-day Seminar. The May 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES would have a 'pre-registration form'. In addition, it is anticipated the four presenters would be videoed.

Our Association is proud that these four devoted and recognized coin celebrants have accepted and are preparing insights about 'how to collect', particularly as the traditional 'fill the album holes' has become difficult and certainly expensive!

The four presenters offer an excellent balance and broad perspective as to our hobby plus methods and ideas to assembling collections or 'filling album pages'. As with the prior three Seminars, the information and knowledge learned is well-worth the time, travel, and traffic to attend.

2017 Seminar Patron

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the prior Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

It is hoped this generous support would build the Association's Treasury and insure solid financial funding for future Seminars.

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the September 16, 2017 Seminar.

While not confirmed, it is *hoped* that those 'Patrons' at the 'Gold Miner' level would be generously matched, by a 'dear friend of NCNA', 'dollar for dollar': \$100.00 being doubled to \$200.00.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this January 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the exact date and site for the Board of Directors Meeting has not been determined. Meeting during local coin club shows has not been advantageous, and there is the factor of time and travel, as well as traffic

Membership

In answer to 'how might one join NCNA?' The response is simple: just mail in dues with particulars, and you become a member! All members received NCNA HEADS AND TALES and can be part of the Association's endeavors. NCNA is blessed with members in New Hampshire, Canada, Southern California, Wisconsin, and elsewhere.

Invite your fellow coin hobbyists to join: 'it's cheap'!

'Miller Medal'

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the latest roster of 'Miller Medal' recipient.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, Ron Miller Memorial Award, 'The Miller Medal'

YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS *	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', American Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	<i>None Presented</i>			
2001	DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARRIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	<i>None Presented</i>			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13-Jan-07	San Jose, California by <i>Edward Sins</i>	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRIITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2011	<i>None Presented</i>			
2012	<i>None Presented</i>			
2013	<i>None Presented</i>			
2014	MERLE V. AVILA	13-Dec-14	FCC/VNS 28th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2015	JEFF SHEVLIN	12-Dec-15	FCC/VNS 29th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2016	RAYMOND R. JOHNSON	10-Dec-16	FCC/VNS 30th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
<i>Note:</i> 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.				
Instituted January 24, 1994				Deceased *

Speakers address future of hobby

By Michael S. Turrini

On Sept. 17 in Vallejo, Calif., the Northern California Numismatic Association sponsored its Third Annual California Numismatic Seminar, with the theme "The Future of Our Hobby (or Hobbies)."

Four most qualified coin and hobby celebrants shared and exchanged their respective insights and observations, presenting four diverse programs and responding to questions from the 60-plus attendees, several novice to the hobby or just curious plus one even driving from Seattle, Wash.

While a detailed summary would be beyond the scope and length for this "Viewpoint," here are some thoughts and opinions expressed.

The first presenter was the energized and enthused current Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, Scott D. English, who readily accepted the invitation when the American Numismatic

Association respectfully declined. Young and experienced in Washington, D.C., and state service, Scott began with the candid conclusion that "we are victims of what we are," and further, there are real similarities between stamps and coins and the two should "work together, for it is not what you collect but that you do collect."

Admitting that the aging population and other issues confront both the APS and ANA, Scott stated the hobbies need a much more proactive Internet/Web presence, need to collaborate and to coordinate, and have their national leadership and professional staffs actively into "grass roots" of our hobbies. His presence at this year's seminar was confirmation of that approach.

Following was Stephen P. Woodland, from Canada and a devoted Royal Canadian Numismatic Association member whose emphasis was technology and demographics. Steve believed that numismatics suffers from "failure to adapt" and not adopting and implement-

ing changing technologies.

He noted that one of the major Canadian national coin shows is a joint coin and stamp venture and is successful.

Continuing, via technology, Steve offered that numismatics can engage Generations X and Y plus Millennials. Instagram and other social media were specifically advocated.

Intense in his opinions, Steve argued that corporate sponsors and celebrity endorsements are needed and need to be solicited. The primary recruitment age group should be 35- to 45-year-olds and local coin clubs offering day care to attract families to local coin shows.

After a lunch break, Charmy Harker, "The Penny Lady" came on strong for women in numismatics. Her primary argument was "become a mentor," and she reflected on her own personal experiences.

Charmy proposed that more video education be created and shared, and that

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real school and education curricula be developed and implemented. She also supported day care availability.

Based on her professional experience, she noted that major improvement in the commercial aspect of numismatics, the buying and selling, has been advanced significantly with improved and sharply detailed photography on the Internet. She believed that this would further the selling/buying of higher value coins via the Internet.

Continuing the above point, Charmy argued that "good professional photography" is imperative for websites and that those websites need to be easily "searchable, sortable and sizable."

Concluding the four presenters was Jeff Shevlin, the former ANA executive director, whose call was "action."

Echoing much of the three prior presenters, Jeff engaged the audience and solicited not just ideas but "what could you do for our hobby," even getting actual commitments and pledges from some present.

Some were as simple as bringing a guest to a local coin club, or more expansive as writing something like this "Viewpoint."

Like the other presenters, Jeff did review statistics and facts; yet, he intensely argued that those can be refuted and replaced with real commitments at the grass roots of our hobby.

In the ending panel discussion, all presenters united into three specifics: one, the hobby, both hobbies, need to adapt and to adjust; two, demographics and changing populations are issues that must be addressed; and three, least it is forgotten, numismatics and philately must be fun.

Two positives did intimate from this all-day seminar: first, Scott and Steve plan to collaborate and to communicate regularly, sharing ideas and resources; and two, efforts need to begin at even the local levels for sharing and joining between coins and stamps.

In addition, it is hoped that at the national level, both the ANA and APS shall partner and open lines of communication. Further, all four presenters expressed a solid and sure willingness to return and to progress the dialogue.

Written evaluations afterwards from attendees shared that common conclusion that the seminar was a success and should be a start toward a much better understanding of our hobbies and may hold what the future might be, whether coins or stamps.

Looking to 2017, NCNA has tentatively scheduled Sept. 16 for the Third Annual California Numismatic Seminar with a theme grown from this year's Seminar, "Collecting in Today's World."

Information and inquiries can be directed to emperori@juno.com or to P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410.

This "Viewpoint" was written by Michael S. Turrini, hobbyist and NCNA Seminar organizer from Vallejo, Calif. Turrini has been involved in organized numismatics since the 1970s.

Viewpoint is a forum for the expression of opinion on a variety of numismatic subjects. To have your opinion considered for Viewpoint, write to David C. Harper, Editor, Numismatic News, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990. Send email to david.harper@fwcommunity.com.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- Jan. 20-22, 2017 **SAN JOSE.** San Jose Coin Club 49th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Doubletree Hotel (Bayshore Ballroom), 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose 95110. Bourse Chair: Ray Johnson, P.O. Box 10416, San Jose, CA 95157-1416. Phone: 408-598-7772, Email: SanJoseCoins@aol.com Website: www.sanjosecoinclub.org **Admission \$4 (\$2 off with any Show advertising!)**
- Feb. 3-4, 2017 **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.** San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco 94080. Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. **Admission \$4, \$2 off with coupon.** Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Feb. 24-25
2017 **SANTA ROSA.** Redwood Empire Coin Club 49th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 - Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. **Admission \$1, under 12 free.**
- Feb. 26, 2017 **SAN JOSE.** "Cupertino" Coin Club 45th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.
- Mar. 5, 2017 **LIVERMORE.** Livermore Valley Coin Club 55th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
- April 21-3, 2017 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp and Sports Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. **Admission \$6.**

- May 21, 2017 **\$2 off with coupon.** Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 45th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr., P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 707-642-8754. E Mail: paper4coin@yahoo.com
- July 22-23, 2017 **FREMONT.** Fremont Coin Club 45th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Aug. 20, 2017 **FAIRFIELD.** Fairfield Coin Club 28th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission \$2, \$1 with flyer or card!** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 567-6938, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
- Sept. 16, 2017 **VALLEJO.** The 4th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been Scheduled: David Harper of Numismatic News, Paul R. Johnson, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, Robert E. Luna, Benicia, Ca and Roger Lyles, Fremont, Ca. The "theme" for this year is "Collecting In Today's World"
Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com.
Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Oct. 21-22, 2017 **STOCKTON.** Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
- Nov. 5, 2017 **SAN JOSE.** Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com